Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A network recording system including a plurality of terminal devices ~~device~~ and a recording server ~~which are~~ connected to the terminal devices via a network,

wherein each of the terminal devices comprises: ~~device comprising:~~

a receiving unit operable to receive, from a user, a designation of a program to be recorded~~, from a user~~;

a selecting unit operable to select, from a plurality of user profiles, a user profile to which the user belongs~~, out of a plurality of user profiles~~, each user profile containing attribute information that indicates a different group of a plurality of groups belonging to a particular category; and

a first transmission ~~transmitting~~ unit operable to transmit recording instruction information to the recording server, the recording instruction information including ~~a combination of~~ a program ID identifying the program to be recorded and associated user profile information identifying ~~showing~~ the user profile selected by the selecting unit, ~~to which the user belongs, and~~

wherein the recording server comprises: ~~comprising:~~

a reception unit operable to receive the recording instruction information from each ~~the~~ terminal device;

a recording unit operable to record the program identified by the program ID included in the received recording instruction information; ~~and~~

a counting unit operable to count, for each of the plurality of user profiles, a number of times each respective program ID included in the received recording instruction

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information is associated with user profile information identifying a respective user profile; ~~has been received by the reception unit~~

      a rule generating unit operable to generate a rule for selecting, from the plurality of user profiles, the user profile to which the user belongs; and

      a second transmission unit operable to transmit, to each of the terminal devices, the rule generated by the rule generating device,

      wherein each of the terminal devices further comprises a rule storing unit operable to receive and store the rule transmitted from the second transmission unit of the recording server, and

      wherein the selecting unit of each terminal device selects the user profile to which the user belongs based on the rule stored in the rule storing unit of each respective terminal device.

Claims 2-10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A recording server comprising:

      a rule generating unit operable to generate a rule for selecting, from a plurality of user profiles, a user profile to which a user belongs, each user profile containing attribute information that indicates a different group of a plurality of groups belonging to a particular category;

      a transmission unit operable to transmit the rule generated by the rule generating unit;

      a reception unit operable to receive, from an external device, recording instruction information including ~~a combination of~~ a program ID identifying a program to be recorded and associated user profile information identifying ~~indicating the~~ ~~a~~ user profile to which ~~a~~ the user

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belongs;

a recording unit operable to record the program identified by the program ID included in the received recording instruction information; and

a counting unit operable to count, for each of ~~a~~ the plurality of user profiles, a number of times each respective program ID included in the received recording instruction information is associated with user profile information identifying a respective user profile ~~has been received by the reception unit~~,

wherein the rule generating unit generates the rule using a result of the counting performed by the counting unit.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The recording server of Claim 11, further comprising:

a selection unit operable to select programs in one-to-one correspondence with user profiles, the selecting being based on ~~the~~ a result of the counting performed by the counting unit; and

a selected program information transmission unit operable to generate selected program information and transmit the selected program information to the external device, the selected program information identifying ~~showing~~ a one-to-one correspondence between (i) each piece of program information, of a plurality of pieces of program information, that identifies ~~indicate the programs~~ a program selected by the selection unit and (ii) each piece of user profile information, of a plurality of pieces of user profile information, that represents ~~represent the~~ a user profile ~~profiles~~.

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Claim 13 (Currently Amended) A terminal device for instructing, via a network, a recording server to record a program, the terminal device comprising:

a receiving unit operable to receive, from a user, a designation of a program to be recorded ~~from a user~~;

a rule obtaining unit operable to receive, from the recording server, a rule for selecting, from a plurality of user profiles, a user profile to which the user belongs, each user profile containing attribute information that indicates a different group of a plurality of groups belonging to a particular category;

a rule storing unit operable to store the rule received by the rule obtaining unit;

a selecting unit operable to select ~~a~~ the user profile to which the user of the terminal device belongs, ~~out of a plurality of user profiles~~;

a transmission information generating unit operable to generate recording instruction information, the recording instruction information including a program ID identifying the program to be recorded and associated user profile information identifying the user profile selected by the selecting unit; and

a transmission ~~transmitting~~ unit operable to transmit, to the recording server, the recording instruction information ~~to an external device, the recording instruction information including a program ID identifying the program to be recorded and user profile information indicating the user profile to which the user belongs;~~

~~a reception unit operable to receive, from the external device, selected program information showing a one-to-one correspondence between (i) a plurality of pieces of program information that respectively indicate programs and (ii) a plurality of pieces of user profile~~

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~~information which respectively represent the plurality of user profiles; and~~

~~a presenting unit operable to extract a piece of program information corresponding to~~
~~the user profile to which the user belongs, from the selected program information and present the~~
~~extracted piece of program information to the user~~.

Claims 14-19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (New) The terminal device of claim 13, further comprising:

a selected program information obtaining unit operable to obtain selected program
information identifying a one-to-one correspondence between (i) each piece of program
information, of a plurality of pieces of program information, that respectively identifies a
program and (ii) each piece of user profile information, of a plurality of pieces of user profile
information, that respectively represents a user profile of the plurality of user profiles; and

an output unit operable to output the selected program information obtained by the
selected program information obtaining unit.

Claim 21 (New) The terminal device of claim 20, further comprising a notifying data generating
unit operable to extract, from the selected program information obtained by the selected program
information obtaining unit, a piece of program information corresponding to the user profile to
which the user belongs, and operable to generate notifying data,

wherein the output unit outputs the notifying data generated by the notifying data
generating unit.

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Claim 22 (New) The terminal device of claim 13, further comprising:

a program guide information obtaining unit operable to obtain program guide information showing program IDs and corresponding genre IDs that represent program genres of programs identified by respective program IDs; and

a history storing unit operable to determine a genre ID corresponding to a program ID identifying the program to be recorded with reference to the program guide information, the program being received by the receiving unit, and operable to store a history that relates to the determined genre ID,

wherein the selecting unit selects the user profile to which the user belongs, the selecting being based on the history stored in the history storing unit and the rule stored in the rule storing unit.

Claim 23 (New) The terminal device of claim 13, wherein:

the receiving unit receives an input of personal information from the user of the terminal device; and

the selecting unit selects the user profile to which the user belongs, the selecting being based on the personal information and the rule stored in the rule storing unit.